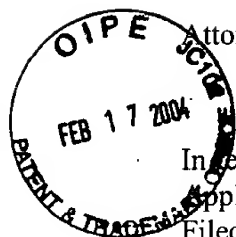


RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 -
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP [1647]



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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of one month to respond to the Office Action dated October 16, 2003.
2. Applicant is ☒ a small entity; ☐ other than a small entity.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

<u>Total Months</u> <u>Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Small</u> <u>Entity</u>
One month	\$55.00

**Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.*

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed.
☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee.
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